

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9, and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-7, 10-19, 24, and 27-40 have been cancelled. Claims 8, 9, 20-23 and 25-26 remain in the application.
5 Further examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is hereby requested.

Claims 27-40 have been cancelled without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention based on the previous restriction requirement. Applicants
10 intend to pursue these non-elected claims in a divisional application.

Claims 1-5, 8-15, 18-22 and 25-26 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Horne et al.

Claims 6, 16, and 23 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being
15 unpatentable over Horne et al. in view of Bernhardt et al.

Claims 7, 17 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent format including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims. After
20 combining the various base and intervening claims, claims 7, 17, and 24 appear to contain identical elements. Accordingly, Applicants are keeping just claim 24 which has been merged into its parent claim 20 to make independent. Claims 7 and 14 have been cancelled as to containing duplicate subject matter. Claim 20 as amended is now believed patentable over the art made of record and its
25 allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to accordingly depend from claim 20 and are believed patentable based at least on the patentability of claim 20, as amended.

Claims 21-23 and 25-26 depend upon claim 20 and are believe patentable
30 based at least on the patentability of claim 20, as amended.

Applicants believe their claims as amended are patentable over the art made of record, and that the amendments made herein are within the scope of a search properly conducted under the provisions of MPEP 904.02. Accordingly,
35 claims 8, 9, 20-23, and 25-26 are deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

- 5 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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